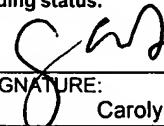


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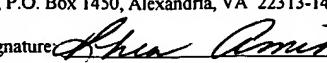
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> 246152024900
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EPO3/008216	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 July 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/522,389
TITLE OF INVENTION GENES FROM PROPIONIBACTERIUM FREUDENREICHII ENCODING ENZYMES INVOLVED IN VITAMIN B12 BIOSYNTHESIS		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 25 July 2002
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Herman J. PEL et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98(3 pages). 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Form PTO/SB/08a/b (2 pages + duplicate); 25 References; Return Receipt Postcard.		

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The document numbers 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 25 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b were cited in an International Search Report mailed on December 22, 2003 (copy attached) directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

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- With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
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